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- Buildings: The plant consisted of six or seven old workshop buildings. A large workshop building was under construction during the time of observation. The others were used as construction workmen.
- Work force and working time (according to PIs working in the plant): there were two eight-hour shifts, with an estimated 500-men per shift.
- Production: Medicines; no information as to kinds. PIs stole some of these medicines for the treatment of PIs in the hospital. Penicillium production was started in June or July 1948. Source remembers this because the first bottle of penicillium produced in the plant was to have been presented to a committee at that time. However, it was discovered during the ceremony that the bottle had been stolen. This incident was much commented on in the hospital.

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Comment:

First report on penicillium production in the Karpov Chemical-Pharmaceutical Plant, Moscow, and is considered credible. This would mean that there are two penicillium plants in Moscow.

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